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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

1. BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED GENEVA 4680,4794, 4924, AND 4994, OUR COUNT ON PRG PARTICIPATION IS 23FAVOR INVITATION TO PRG, 33 OPPOSE, AND 18 ABSTAINOR EXPRESS NO OPINION. THIS COUNT DIFFERS FROM TOTALS CONTAINED GENEVA 4994. IT APPEARS THAT BELGIUM HAS BEEN COUNTED TWICE AMONG NO VOTES (GENEVA 4680 AND 4924). IT ALSO APPEARS THAT NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN COUNTED TWICE AMONG ABSTAINERS (GENEVA 4794 AND 4994). FINALLY, IT APPEARS SHIFT OF MALTA AND SUDAN FROM EXPRESSING NO OPINION (GENEVA 4680) TO YES(GENEVA 4994) HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THUS, DEPT ARRIVES AT FIG-
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URE OF 74 NOT 78 (AS REPORTED GENEVA 4994) FOR TOTAL OF ALL

RESPONSES.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ICRC GAVE YOU FIGURE OF 78, WE REQUEST THAT YOU URGENTLY REVIEW WITH ICRC BASIS FOR ITS TALLY. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT DEPT HAS CORRECT TALLY. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THERE MIGHT BE STILL WIDER DISCREPANCIES IN ICRC TALLY. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RESPONSES THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY ICRC MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO YOU (E.G. DELAY IN ICRC REPORTING FRG RESPONSE TO YOU IS PUZZLING IN VIEW OF BONN 12098).

3. ON BASIS OF RECONFIRMATION OF RESULT PER ABOVE AND MIS-

SION'S REPORT PER PARA 5 OF GENEVA 4994, ASSUMING THIS TO CONFIRM FAVORABLE OUTCOME, WE PLAN TO INSTRUCT MISSION TO REQUEST ICRC TO ANNOUNCE RESULT. KISSINGER

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